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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1961

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BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1961, on the sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Bromsgrove.

The population increased by 2,010 persons. There was an excess of births (663) over deaths (402) leaving a natural increase of 261. This means that some 1,849 persons migrated into the area.

Two hundred and ninety houses were completed and occupied, 161 of them being provided by the local authority. The increased migration into the district would tend to increase the ever present housing problem.

The general health of the population remained satisfactory, the increase in the notifications of infectious diseases being due mainly to the increased incidence of measles.

It is pleasing to note a continued fall in the incidence of cancer and other malignant diseases.

It is also pleasing to note that there was a continued increase in the number of children under one year who were immunised against diphtheria. On the other hand there was a drop in the number of vaccinations against smallpox. Up to the end of the year we had not experienced any effects of the smallpox outbreak elsewhere in the country.

I also have pleasure in informing you that a pilot audiometric service was commenced in Bromsgrove by the County Council, sessions being held at Bromsgrove Clinic. In a short time, it became evident that there was a high incidence of hearing defects among children living in this area.

I would like to thank the Committee for its continued support and the Public Health Inspectors and Officers of other departments for their ready assistance and co-operation.

I am, Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area: 9,228 acres.

POPULATION:

Registrar General's estimate of Population in mid 1961 showed an increase of 2,010.

1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1938
34,800	32,790	32,100	31,700	30,910	23,540

(Census, 1961: 34,800)

Inhabited Houses at the end of the year:-

1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1938
10,708	10,418	9,995	9,798	9,678	6,902

Rateable Value, 1st April, 1961: £378,748.
Product of Penny Rate: £1,541/13/8d. (£1,471/5/10d)

VITAL STATISTICS
(1960 figures given in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	332	317	649 (585)
Illegitimate	9	5	14 (19)
Total	341	322	663 (604)

BIRTH RATE (Births per 1,000 population)

1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1938	1961 (England and Wales)
18.48	18.42	16.57	17.51	16.76	17.8	17.4

ILLEGITIMACY RATE (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 live births):

1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1938
21.11	31.45	43.23	28.8	37.77	33.5

STILL BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	8	3	11 (9)
Illegitimate	1	-	1 (-)
Total	9	3	12 (9)

STILL BIRTH RATE (Still Births per 1,000 total births):

1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1938	1961 (England and Wales)
17.73	14.68	30.97	12.45	9.84	27.9	18.7

DEATHS

M	F	Total
211 (187)	191 (180)	402 (367)

DEATH RATE (Deaths per 1,000 population):

1961	1960	1959	1938	1961 (England and Wales)
11.78	11.53	10.46	12.5	12.0

MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH
(as percentages of total deaths)

1.	Diseases of the heart and circulatory system.	50.25% (54.5%)
2.	Cancer and other malignant diseases.	13.43% (16.08%)
3.	Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis)	15.67% (13.35%)
4.	Accidents, Suicide.	5.72% (4.63%)

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Maternal deaths per 1,000 total births)

1961	1960	1959	1958	1938	1961 (England and Wales)
1.48	1.63	Nil	Nil	1.17	0.33

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY

INFANT DEATHS (Deaths of Infants under 1 year)

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	10	6	16 (12)
Illegitimate	2	1	3 (-)
Total	12	7	19 (12)

NEONATAL DEATHS (Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks)

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	9	3	12 (10)
Illegitimate	2	-	2 (-)
Total	11	3	14 (10)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATH RATES

	1961	1960	1959	1938	1961 (England and Wales)
Deaths of legitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 legitimate births.	24.65	20.51	23.58	56.9	-
Deaths of illegitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 illegitimate births.	214.3	-	-	166.7	-
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births.	21.12	16.56	15.04	-	15.5
Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births.	28.65	19.87	22.56	59.8	21.4
Early Neonatal Mortality rate (Deaths during the first week) per 1,000 related live births.	16.59	9.93	13.16	-	-
Perinatal Mortality rate (stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.	34.07	24.47	43.72	-	-

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS (Neonatal figures given in brackets):

	1961	1960	1959	1958
Congenital Malformations	4 (2)	6 (5)	3 (1)	2 (2)
Prematurity	9 (9)	3 (3)	4 (4)	1 (1)
Respiratory Disease	1 (-)	2 (2)	1 (-)	2 (1)
Other causes	5 (4)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	19 (15)	12 (10)	12 (8)	6 (5)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the Ante-Natal, Child Welfare, School Health, Immunisation, Dental and Specialist Services which aim at the preservation of health of the community and the prevention of diseases, especially among children. The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery services provided by the County Council, supported by the Home Help Service, managed by the W.V.S. and the Loan of Nursing Requisites Scheme managed by the Red Cross, continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help and advice.

The district is well served by hospitals of all kinds either within the district or within comparatively easy reach of it, except for casualty facilities for major accidents which need to be transported either to the Accident Hospital Birmingham, or to the Worcester Royal Infirmary in Worcester.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Royal Infirmary, Worcester and chemical analyses of water, etc. were done by the County Laboratory, Worcester. I am greatly indebted to the Directors of these Laboratories for their help and co-operation.

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

The Meals on Wheels Service is operated by the W.V.S. Meals are prepared at All Saints Church Hall and are delivered by volunteer W.V.S. members. At the end of the year 36 old people were receiving meals on two days in the week. A total of 3,105 meals were delivered compared with 2,907 in 1960.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

A Chiropody Service is run by the County Council for the old people, at Bromsgrove Clinic on the second and fourth Monday mornings in the month.

BROMSGROVE DISTRICTS SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Quarterly meetings were held which were attended by representatives of statutory and voluntary bodies in the Urban and Rural Districts of Bromsgrove. A variety of subjects were discussed which generally concerned the welfare of old people. The Committee also served as a useful meeting ground for the officers concerned who were able to discuss their various problem cases.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors is given in the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector and a detailed statement of the sanitary state of the district is included.

The water supplied by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company is sampled frequently and the results of samples are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and disposal are carried out by the Surveyor's Department. A bonus scheme operates in an attempt to obtain a weekly collection service throughout the Urban District.

HOUSING

The housing position at the end of 1961 was as follows:-

Number of houses in the district.	10,708 (10.418)
Number of persons per house.	3.25 (3.14)
Number of houses built by private enterprise.	170 (247)
Number of houses built by Council.	161 (44)
Number of houses under construction at end of year.	223 (299)
Number of houses demolished during 1961.	41 (17)

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details of the work carried out by the Health Department under this heading are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT

1961

	Cause of Death	M	F	Total	Mortality Rate
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory. ...	-	2	2	0.06
2.	Tuberculosis, Other.	-	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease.	2	1	3	0.09
4.	Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections. ...	-	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-
8.	Measles.	-	1	1	0.03
9.	Other infective and parasitic Diseases.	1	-	1	0.03
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, stomach. ...	4	1	5	0.15
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	9	-	9	0.26
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, breast. ...	-	4	4	0.12
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus. ...	-	4	4	0.12
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms. ...	11	13	24	0.70
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	5	3	8	0.23
16.	Diabetes.	-	-	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of Nervous System.	13	31	44	1.29
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina. ...	47	19	66	1.92
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease.	6	10	16	0.47
20.	Other heart disease.	18	44	62	1.81
21.	Other Circulatory Disease. ...	7	7	14	0.41
22.	Influenza.	-	1	1	0.03
23.	Pneumonia.	19	17	36	1.06
24.	Bronchitis.	20	5	25	0.73
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory system.	-	1	1	0.03
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum. ...	2	-	2	0.06
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrohoea.	4	1	5	0.15
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis.	2	2	4	0.12
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	3	-	3	0.09
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, Abortion.	-	1	1	0.03
31.	Congenital Malformations. ...	3	3	6	0.18
32.	Other defined and ill-defined Diseases.	21	11	32	0.94
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents.	7	2	9	0.26
34.	All other accidents.	6	6	12	0.35
35.	Suicide	1	1	2	0.06
36.	Homicide and operations of war. ...	-	-	-	-
	Total	211	191	402	11.78

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1961

Disease	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Scarlet Fever.	13
Diphtheria.	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	-
Paratyphoid Fever.	1
Measles.	729
Whooping Cough.	12
Acute Pneumonia.	5
Puerperal Pyrexia.	46
Meningococcal Infections.	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-
Acute Encephalitis.	-
Dysentery.	26
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	6
Erysipelas.	-
Malaria.	-
Food Poisoning.	8
Total	846 (161)

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children who completed a course of immunisation during the year 1961, was as follows:-

	1961	1960	1959	1958
Under 5 years.	523	532	452	477
5 - 14 years.	90	26	30	15
Total.	613	558	482	492
Reinforcing injection. ...	489	324	265	234
2nd Reinforcing injection. ...	312	10	-	-

The "immunisation state" of Bromsgrove children on the 31st December, 1961 was as follows:-

Age at 31/12/61. i.e. born in yr.	Under 1 1961	1 - 4 1957 - 1960	5 - 9 1952 - 1956	10 - 14 1947 - 1951	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1957 - 1961	282 (217)	1,843 (1,606)	1,696 (1,573)	330 (156)	4,151 (3,552)
1956 or earlier.	-	-	761 (611)	2,059 (2,117)	2,820 (2,728)
No. of Births.	663 (664)	-	-	-	-

Vaccination.

Number of persons Vaccinated (or Re-Vaccinated) during 1961:-

Age at date of Vaccination.	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over	Total 1961	Total 1960	Total 1959
No. Vaccinated.	386 (429)	5	4	4	9	408	450	395
No. Re-Vaccinated.	-	-	1	2	16	19	31	24

The 386 infants vaccinated represents 60.98% (75.5%) of the average number of births in the two years 1961 and 1960.

Tuberculosis:-

Tuberculosis registrations at the end of 1961 were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary.	100	98	198 (197)
Non-Pulmonary.	15	6	21 (21)
Total	115 (114)	104 (104)	219 (218)

Tuberculosis Incidence and Mortality for the year 1961

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - ...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
35 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
45 - ...	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - ...	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
65 and upwards	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total	3	6	1	-	5	2	-	-
	9 (9)		1 (-)		7 (4)		- (-)	

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1961.

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors in 1961.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

The erection of the new Public Abattoir in the Cattle Market was commenced in December 1961.

Slaughtering continued at the four private slaughterhouses in the district during the year, and a summary of the animals slaughtered and condemnations is given below:-

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known).	424	-	40	3174	647	-
Number inspected.	424	-	40	3174	647	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-						
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	1	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	28	-	-	42	48	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	6.6%	-	-	1.32%	7.42%	-
Tuberculosis only:-						
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	-	-	-	12	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	0.23%	-	-	-	2.0%	-
Cysticercosis:-						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHT

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Tuberculosis.	25	-	-	175	200
Peritonitis.	-	-	-	40	40
Acute Septic Metritis.	-	-	40	-	40
Septicaemia.	-	-	-	70	70
Abscesses.	70	-	11	16	97
Actinomycosis.	25	-	-	-	25
Bacterial Necrosis.	-	-	10	17	27
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	19	19
Pleurisy.	-	-	-	4	4
Pericarditis.	-	-	-	2	2
Nephritis.	-	-	-	1	1
Cirrhosis.	-	-	-	2	2
Fatty Degeneration.	-	-	2	-	2
Distomatosis.	80	-	36	-	116
Angiomatosis.	32	-	-	-	32
Echinococcus Cysts.	12	-	19	-	31
Ascariasis.	-	-	-	51	51
Tenuicollis Cysts.	-	-	6	-	6
Bruising.	16	-	6	4	26
Bone Taint.	22	-	-	-	22
TOTALS.	282	-	130	401	813

It will be observed that all the animals slaughtered in the district are inspected.

Other food found to be unfit for human consumption is listed below:-

Chickens.	2 tons. 21 lbs.
Sausage.	6 lbs.
Cod Fillets.	56 lbs.
Cod Roe.	6 lbs.
Plaice.	22 lbs.
Coconut Mallows.	144 lbs.
Mallow Creams.	58 lbs.
Jam.	58 lbs. 4 ozs.
Miracle Whip.	6 ozs.
Mint Sauce.	10 ozs.

Tinned Goods

Tinned Meats.	117
Tinned Vegetables.	292
Tinned Fish.	69
Tinned Soups.	44
Tinned Fruits.	270
Tinned Milk and Cream.	57
Tinned Marmalade and Jam.	16
Tinned Cereals.	21
Miscellaneous Tinned Goods.	3

Food Premises:

The total number of visits to food premises during the year, including visits to slaughterhouses for the purpose of meat inspection was 1,336.

Minor infringements of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 were dealt with either verbally or by letter and in each case the required works were carried out.

During the year, routine samples of cooked meat products submitted for bacteriological examination were satisfactory, with the exception of one sample of faggot, which was found to contain Staphylococcus Aureus. Phage typing revealed that the organism was of a type not associated with food poisoning.

Eighteen samples of marshmallow biscuits submitted for examination for Paratyphoid organisms were found to be satisfactory.

Dr. R.J. Henderson, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester has kindly continued to examine swabs of crockery etc. taken from catering establishments. A very considerable improvement is noticed when a comparison is made with the earlier results of these examinations.

The number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 is:-

(a) Ice Cream Premises.	114
(b) Premises for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food.	25

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF SWABS TAKEN FROM FOOD PREMISES

TYPE OF UTENSIL	COLONY COUNTS							BACTERIUM COLI			% of Total Swabs taken which are considered satisfactory.*
	No. of Swabs Taken	Sterile	Under 100	Over 100 and less than 1,000	Over 1,000 and less than 10,000	Over 10,000 and less than 100,000	Over 100,000 and less than 500,000	Absent	Present		
									Non-Faecal	Faecal	
Tea Cups.	44	1	29	13	1	-	-	36	8	1	63.63
Coffee Cups.	10	-	7	2	-	-	1	7	3	1	60.00
Tea Plates.	25	2	19	4	-	-	-	21	4	2	68.00
Dinner Plates.	43	10	21	8	3	1	-	38	5	1	69.76
Glasses.	8	1	5	-	1	-	1	6	2	1	75.00
Soup Plates.	6	-	5	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	83.33
Sweet Plates.	4	2	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	-	75.00
TOTALS.	140	16	87	27	6	2	2	117	23	6	70.67

* Colony Counts of below 100 with no coliform bacteria present.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

Sixteen licences were issued to Slaughtermen under the provisions of this Act.

Ice Cream:

Samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination numbered 97. The results, with a comparison of the 1960 figures, are set out below:-

Ice Cream - Bacteriological Results 1960 and 1961.

1960.			1961.		
Grade	No. of Samples	%	Grade	No. of Samples	%
1.	57	82.61	1.	71	73.20
2.	11	15.94	2.	24	24.74
3.	1	1.45	3.	1	1.03
4.	-	-	4.	1	1.03
Total.	69	100.0	Total.	97	100.0

The number of premises registered is:-

Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream. 1

Sale only. 19

Sale of Pre-packed only. 94

Food and Drugs Act - Sampling:

I am authorised by the County Council to act as a Sampling Officer on their behalf within the district. Sampling under this arrangement is independent of, and in addition to, sampling carried out by the County Officers.

Samples taken and submitted for analysis were as follows:-

Milk - Formal Samples 44

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

Licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 were issued in respect of 74 caravans in the district. Sixty-two of these caravans were situated on two licensed sites, the rest were on individual sites or on sites for not more than 2 vans. All licences were issued with a run-down clause to expire not later than March 1964.

Difficulties have been experienced from time to time on the two larger sites, arising from the disposal of sink waste water.

WATER SUPPLY

One hundred and thirty-nine samples of the town's mains water supply were submitted to the County Analyst and the Public Health Laboratory for chemical and bacteriological analysis, all of which were satisfactory.

ASHES ACCOMMODATION

During the year 873 dustbins were issued.

DRAINAGE

Below is a summary of the work done on drainage during the year:-

Houses connected to sewer (excluding new houses).	41
Houses connected to cesspools (excluding new houses). ...	2
No. of obstructed drains dealt with.	44
No. of tests applied to house drains.	56
No. of cesspools abolished.	41
No. of internal w.c.'s provided.	19
No. of pails abolished.	3
No. of privies abolished.	2
New w.c.'s provided in lieu of pails etc.	3
Defective drains repaired or relaid.	9

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The number of cesspools, septic tanks etc. where sewers are not available is 780, and the average routine emptying service given is twice yearly. However, complaints are always dealt with to relieve nuisances.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Cesspool Emptier during the year:-

No. of Cesspools Emptied.	1571
No. of Loads from Cesspools.	1638
No. of Privies Emptied.	70
No. of Pails Emptied.	1402
Mileage Covered.	9960

RODENT CONTROL

A full-time Operator is employed to undertake treatment on all Council, private and business premises, and a summary of the work carried out is set out below:-

No. of Treatments at Private Dwellings.	345
No. of Treatments at Business Premises.	31
No. of Treatments at Council Premises. ... ... (Sewage Outfall Works, Refuse Tips, Housing Estates etc.)	9
No. of Brookcourse Treatments.	3
No. of Properties Revisited and Surveyed.	2011
No. of Agricultural Properties Treated.	2
No. of Agricultural Properties Surveyed.	7

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two applications were received under the above Act. These licences were granted.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Defects or nuisances discovered. 64

Number abated. 84

Number of notices served (Informal 64, Formal 5).

Inspections:

Inspections carried out in the year are recorded below:-

	Inspections	Re-Inspections
Houses under Public Health Acts.	198	117
Overcrowding.	5	-
Water Supply.	8	7
Tents, Vans and Sheds.	116	15
Schools.	5	-
Ashes Accommodation.	113	4
Accumulations.	46	12
Animals or Birds.	9	4
Piggeries.	34	17
Drainage Inspections.	607	182
Drainage Tests.	50	6
Closets - Water.	32	12
Pails or Privies.	7	3
Cesspools.	188	16
Urinals.	1	-
Sewers and Street Gullies.	36	1
Milkshops and Dairies.	6	-
Ice Cream Premises.	103	-
Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection. ...	808	-
Food Preparing Premises.	129	10
General Food Premises.	275	5
Factories Act.	58	6
Shops Act.	7	1
Rats and Mice Acts.	114	5
Infectious Diseases.	30	1
Housing Act, 1957 - Section 16.	109	40
Housing Act, 1957 - Section 42.	204	12
Housing Act, 1957 - Other Visits.	155	3
House Purchase & Housing Act, 1959. ...	204	25
Rent Act, 1957.	25	1
Smoke Abatement Observations.	16	-
Smoke Abatement - Premises Visited. ...	2	-
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956.	19	4
Petroleum Act.	14	-
Miscellaneous Visits.	493	-
Interviews - Owners, Tradesmen etc. ...	304	-
Noise Abatement Act - Observations. ...	6	-
Noise Abatement Act - Premises Visited. ...	3	4
Pet Animals Act, 1951.	3	-

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED AND IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

Sinks repaired or renewed.	2
Obstructed Drains.	44
W.C. Flushing Cisterns.	10
Floors repaired.	6
Roofs repaired.	23
Ceiling plaster made good.	7
Wallplaster made good.	4
Walls repaired.	6
Eavespouting and downspouts repaired or renewed. ...	17
Chimneys repaired.	2
Staircases repaired.	4
Firegrates renewed or repaired.	6
Dustbins provided by Local Authority.	873
Doors repaired or renewed.	4
Windows repaired or renewed.	5
Repairs to waste pipes and gullies.	1
Hot and cold water systems repaired.	5
Repairs to drains and drainage systems.	9
Structural repairs to w.c.'s.	6
Wash-hand basins repaired, renewed or provided. ...	40
Dustbins provided by occupiers.	7
Baths provided.	39
New hot water supplies provided.	40
Foodstores provided.	15
Water pumps repaired.	1

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(i)	By the local authority.	161
(ii)	By other local authorities.	-
(iii)	By other bodies or persons.	170

1. Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 733

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 1031

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932. 47

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 47

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. ... 75

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 63

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.... 118

3. Action under statutory powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. ... Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners. ... ... Nil.

(b) By local authority in default of owners. ... Nil.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... 63

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners. 15

(b) By local authority in default of owners. ... Nil.

(c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. 10

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. 15

(3) Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas. ... 26

(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. ... 2

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... ... Nil.

4. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Standard Grants:

No. of Applications for Standard Grants approved. ... 35

No. of Grants where work completed. 31

Discretionary Grants:

No. of Applications for Discretionary Grants approved... 5

No. approved where work completed. 10

5. Rent Act, 1957.

No. of Applications for Certificates of Disrepair received. 4

No. of Undertakings as to remedying of defects received from Owners. 4

No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued by Local Authority. 2

No. of Applications received from Landlord or Tenant for Certificate as to remedying of defects. ... 6

No. of Certificates issued by Local Authority as to remedying of defects. 6

PETROLEUM ACTS

Seventy licences were issued during 1961 for the storage of 105,114 gallons of petroleum spirit, 120 gallons of cellulose and 36 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 1. OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):-

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	85	64	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	9	7	-	-
TOTAL. ...	99	75	2	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient.	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL. ...	2	2	-	1	-